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DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.56

Sir:

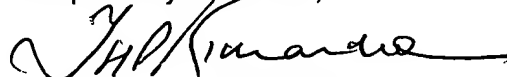
In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (two copies) are disclosed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b). The Examiner is asked to consider these documents and to return an initialled and signed copy of the PTO-1449 after doing so.

Each of the listed documents was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior application Serial No. 09/398,377, which is relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Copies of the listed documents are not, therefore, being supplied because 37 CFR 1.98(d) states that they need not be provided.

Applicant believes that because this Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee for consideration of this Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-2090 (Sheldon & Mak).

It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and MPEP 707.05 (b). If for some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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